

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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DEVELOPMENT OF CULTURAL HISTORICAL SITES
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of cultural and historical sites identified in Bihar along with their names and locations thereof;
- (b) the details of the action taken to preserve/promote cultural and historical sites along with the tourist facilities provided at such sites in Bihar, so far ;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to develop a Ramayana circuit in Mithilanchal for the development of all the historical sites related to the Ramayana era existing there;
- (d) if so, whether the historical sites related to the Ramayana era have been identified; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken to develop the same?

Answer

MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRIMATI CHANDRESH KUMARI KATOCH)

(a) There are 25 historical sites as of national importance in the State of Bihar protected under Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites Remains Act, 1958 The details are at Annexure-I

(b) The conservation and preservation of cultural and historical sites is a continuous process. The conservation works at different sites is attended regularly depending upon the need of the repairs and availability of the resources.

In addition to conservation/preservation maintenance and development of environs in and around centrally protected sites providing tourist facilities like drinking water, toilet blocks, facilities for physically challenged, pathways, cultural notice boards/signage, vehicle parking, cloak rooms etc. at the sites are the regular activities which the Archaeological Survey of India undertakes as per needs and availability of resources.

(c) Archaeological Survey of India has no proposal to develop a Ramayana Circuit in Mithilanchal.

(d)&(e) Question does not arise.